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FRG-BRAZIL NUCLEAR COOPERATION; NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE

REF: MOSCOW 8919

1. THIS IS REPORT ON LUNCHEON CONVERSATION ON JULY 1 BEFORE
ENTRY INTO THE MAIN SUBJECT OF THE DAY (TTBT/PNE NEGOTIA-
TIONS). ATTENDEES WERE MOROKHOV/TIMERBAEV AND STOESSEL/
BUCHHEIM.

2. MOROKHOV, IN REPLY TO OUR PREVIOUS QUERIES CONCERNING
SOVIET-LIBYAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT, SAID THAT
SOVIET UNION HAS ENTERED INTO A VERY GENERAL KIND OF
AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION WITH LIBYA ON PEACEFUL USES OF
ATOMIC ENERGY. THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR THE SOVIET

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UNION TO BUILD AN ATOMIC ENERGY RESERACH FACILITY

FOR LIBYA, INCLUDING A SMALL RESEARCH REACTOR, A PLASMA RESEARCH FACILITY, AND A SMALL FACILITY FOR GENERATION OF ISOTOPES FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES.

3. MOROKHOV NOTED THAT LIBYA IS PARTY TO THE NPT AND THAT THE RESEARCH FACILITY WILL BE SUBJECT TO AIEA SAFEGUARDS. HE DID NOT KNOW IF LIBYA HAS AGREED AS YET TO IAEA SAFEGUARDS, BUT SAID THE SOVIETS WOULD INSIST ON THIS. HE SAID FURTHER THAT SOVIET UNION HAS NO DOUBT THAT LIBYA WILL USE THIS FACILITY ONLY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES; OTHERWISE THEY WOULD NEVER CONSIDER ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT.

4. MOROKHOV SAID SOVIETS RECOGNIZED THAT US CONSIDERS LIBYA TO BE A "SENSITIVE CASE".

5. MOROKHOV WENT ON TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT THE DEAL BETWEEN THE FRG AND BRAZIL FOR FRG SUPPLY OF FACILITIES TO BRAZIL. HE SAID SOVIET CONCERNS WERE BASED ON THE FACT THAT ONE OF THE PARTIES IS NOT PARTY OF THE NPT AND WILL NOT ASSURE APPLICATION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS, AND THE CONCERN THAT THERE WILL BE NO SAFEGUARDS APPLIED TO EQUIPMENT REPLICATED AS A RESULT OF BRAZILIAN ACCESS TO THE TECHNOLOGY INVOLVED. HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT MORE PRESSURE OUGHT TO BE PUT ON BRAZIL RELATIVE TO THIS DEAL.

6. CONCERNING THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS' CONFERENCE, MOROKHOV OFFERED IT AS HIS VIEW THAT THE USSR, THE UK AND CANADA SHARED CLEAR VIEWS IN FAVOR OF STRONG CONTROLS, WHILE FRG AND FRANCE DID NOT MANIFEST SUCH VIEWS, AND THE US SEEMED TO HAVE A "FLEXIBLE" POSITION. HE SAID HE SENSED A SIMILAR LACK OF FIRMNESS IN US POSITION AT NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE. HE DID SAY THAT HE THOUGHT THE FRENCH POSITION SHOWED SIGNS OF IMPROVING.

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